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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. AVRAM/MOORE MEETING AT EXIM. MEETING WENT VERY WELL. MOORE EXPLAINED THAT EXIM WAS PREPARED TO USE ITS CREDIT PROGRAMS MORE ACTIVELY AND MORE FLEXIBLY TO MEET ROMANIAN INTERESTS AND EXPLAINED HOW THE CFF LINE, WHICH EXIM WAS WILLING TO EXPAND BEYOND CURRENT \$5 MILLION CEILING PER YEAR, COULD BE UTILIZED FOR EQUIPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMPONENT PURCHASES. THIS CFF LINE WOULD HAVE 5 YEAR MAXIMUM REPAYMENT AND COULD BE USED TO COVER 42.5 PERCENT OF EXPORT VALUE. AVRAM SEEMED VERY INTERESTED AND PROMISED THAT GOR WOULD TRY TO PUT TOGETHER INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES TO DETERMINE WHAT DOLLAR VOLUME THEY WOULD NEED. MOORE SAID IF LINE WERE FULLY UTILIZED GOR COULD COME BACK FOR MORE. THERE WAS NO MENTION BY AVRAM OF CONCESSIONARY RATES. FURTHERMORE, DESPITE FACT THAT EXIM BOARD HAD APP-
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ROVED IN PRINCIPLE DISCUSSION OF A "PROJECT-RELATED LINE OF CREDIT" FOR ROMANIA, MOORE DID NOT BROACH THIS WITH AVRAM BUT REFERRED TO FACT THAT IN HANDLING APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT CREDITS IN ROMANIA EXIM WOULD SHOW FLEXIBILITY. MOORE ALSO NOTED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO VISITING ROMANIA, AND AVRAM IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP ON THAT TO URGE SUCH A VISIT.

2. PARENTAL CONSENT FOR MARRIAGES. THREE THINGS HAVE FOCUSED MY ATTENTION ON PARENTAL CONSENT AS A PROBLEM IN MARRIAGE CASES. THE FIRST IS THAT GLIGA, IN HIS MEETING WITH NIMETZ MARCH 17 (STATE 074312), SAID THE GOR BELIEVES THE PRESENT PROCEDURE WHICH REQUIRES PARENTAL CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED. SECOND, THE ESPEY CASE, IN WHICH I WROTE A LETTER TO ESPEY (IN RESPONSE TO HIS TO THE PRESIDENT) NOTING MY VIEW THAT LACK OF PARENTAL CONSENT WAS THE KEY PROBLEM. AND THIRD, CEAUSESCU AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB STATED THAT BINATIONAL MARRIAGES DEPENDED ON OBTAINING PARENTAL CONSENT BECAUSE THE COUNCIL OF STATE COULD NOT IGNORE PARENTS' VIEWS IN DECISIONS INVOLVING THEIR CHILDREN. MY QUESTIONS TO YOU ARE: DO WE HAVE MANY UNSOLVED MARRIAGE CASES WHERE PARENTAL CONSENT IS LACKING? IF SO, LET US KNOW WHICH THEY ARE SO WE TOO CAN MAKE CLEAR TO THOSE HERE HOW IMPORTANT THIS REQUIREMENT IS. ARE THERE CASES YOU KNOW OF WHERE PARENTAL CONSENT IS NOT OBTAINED BUT IN WHICH THE MARRIAGE WAS APPROVED? CHRISTOPHER

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